

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method for determining a price for a print job and a method for ensuring compliance with a pricing model. A computer system receives a set of specifications for the print job and calculates first and second estimated prices for the print job with respect to first and second
5 printers. The estimated prices are based on pricing information provided by each of the printers for each of the components specified in the set of specifications. The first and second printers are informed of the set of specifications and the identity of the buyer. The printers can then contact the buyer to negotiate a portion of the specifications and arrive at a negotiated price.